Council Memoranda

1917, 1929

June 30th, 1917.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society:-

Gentlemen:-

The month of June has been one of re-adjustment for all branches of work of the Society. With the coming of the new Library Assistant, it has been necessary to turn over all the correspondence to Miss Reilly, as Miss James is not a stenographer. This promises to result in greater efficiency from every point of view.

Sale of Publications. A report of the sale of publications will be submitted at the meeting of the Council scheduled for July 6th.

Bulletin. A small sheet for the posting on bulletin boards has been printed during the month, and sent to the Museums in the City. The New York Public Library has promised to post twenty copies in the branch Libraries, and Members of the Columbia faculty have offered to draw attention in the weekly bulletin of the summer school to the opportunities offered by our collections. The notice is being posted in other summer schools, and in the fall they will be sent to the several Art Schools in the city.

Medals of the Society. A report of the medals on hand has been prepared. It is desired that your Secretary be given some definite instructions regarding the disposition of these medals at your next meeting. The present tabulation is given for consideration.

Medals	Weight ounces	No. Struck	No. on Hand	Value	Bullion Value
Catholic	5 13/40	1 76 101	0 37 58	$ 370	$151.75
				270	
Cleveland	7 3/4	2 50 100	0 12 53	120	73.54
				265	
New Theatre	5 1/4	1 50 50 1.	0 44 51	440	180.18
		50 s.	42 (2)	465	
Lincoln	9	2 75 100	0 43 47	430	301.86
				235	
Babelon	3 9/10	0 100 200	0 84 181	840	
				205	
				$4340	$961.86

Collection of War Material. One of the most vitally interesting of our exhibitions at the present time is that of the coins, medals and decorations of the present war. It has been thought advisable to name a committee which should have as its responsibility the providing of ways and means for collecting these pieces systematically and comprehensively. Our President has appointed Messrs. Comparette, Thompson and Gillingham as members of this committee. Any suggestions as to procedure or means for obtaining funds for this important work and any information relating to material coming within its scope, will doubtless be appreciated by these gentlemen. The Society will be grateful for any local pieces relating to our men. The historical importance of such a collection in the years to come will at once be apparent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary.

July 31st,. 1917.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.

Gentlemen:-

In the early part of July considerable time was spent in preparing a report for the Council on the 6th, and since that date the time has been occupied in carrying out the instructions then received.

There has been a noticable increase in the number of visitors during the month. Many of these came a great distance. San Francisco sent a representative, and a member of the St. Louis Numismatic Society who had but two days in town, spent the greater part of an afternoon in our building. To emphasize our willingness to be of help, a sign has been printed and placed prominently in the main exhibition hall, stating that "Visitors who will make themselves known to the members of the staff, will be afforded the privilege of examining coins or medals in our cabinets. . .". This can be modified if the tax on the time of our force grows beyond reasonable proportions.

At a meeting of the Council Mr. Edward D. Adams proposed a medal which should commemorate the Liberty Loan, generously offering to bear a considerable part of the expense. Working out the details for the publication of this medal has occupied much of the time of your Secretary this month. The piece is modelled on the plan of the British War medal, with bars each of which shall signify that the wearer or owner has subscribed to the first or subsequent Liberty Loans, and only those who have subscribed will be entitled to purchase the medal. The size will be approximately, that of the silver dollar. A sketch has been submitted by Mr. Eli Harvey and approved, and work on the model is proceding. It has a spirited presentation of the American eagle on the obverse, the reverse will be plain except for the engraved name of the owner on the piece. It is hoped to have the medal ready for the second loan which is scheduled for the coming fall.

Much thought has been given to the preparation of circulars for use during the coming winter. There has been only a slight falling off of the correspondence, and the decrease in the volume of other work has been very slight.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary.

October 1st, 1917.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.

Vacation absence necessitated the omission of any report for last month - the present report therefore covers the months of August and September.

In the report made July 31st information was given regarding suggestions for our new medal. The idea at that time was to have something modelled on the English war medal plan, which should be issued to subscribers to the Liberty Loan. Through one of the members of the Committee the Secretary of the Treasury, the Hon. William G. McAdoo, was approached and efforts made to secure his official endorsement of the plan. In this we have, so far, been unsuccessful, and it was decided to use the design for a medal commemorating the declaration of war by the United States. The eagle modelled by Mr. Harvey was so splendidly characteristic of the spirit of our country that it was well fitted for such use. It was decided to limit the issue to the number of copies actually ordered by September 29th, a procedure which has been commended by several of the members. The cost of silver necessitated an increase in the price set upon the medal, but notwithstanding this, the issue has been one of the most successful in the history of the Society. One gold medal, fifty silver medals and one hundred and two bronze medals have been subscribed for.

During the past month letters have been sent out to artists whose medallic work is only partially represented or not at all present in our Society's collection. Mr. Weil, of the Medallic Art Company, offered to strike copies of such medals as we did not have if we secured the respective artist's permission for so doing, and the matter was taken up with them on this basis. Although it is too early to make a final report, several very gratifying responses have been received and already seven medals have arrived.

Proof reading of the forthcoming Index to the American Journal of Numismatics, and a correspondence much increased by the publishing of the new medal, and outlining plans for the winter's work, have occupied the remainder of the Secretary's time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary.

November 1st, 1917.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.

The medal commemorating the declaration of war has been issued during the past month and the comment has been most gratifying. There have been a considerable number of applications for copies from non-members as well as belated applications from members who did not act promptly. The occasion has been used to point out to non-members the advantages of associating themselves with our Society, and in both cases we have replied that the subscription closed on the last day of September, and no additional copies were to be procured. Permission to reproduce the medal was asked by the Philadelphia Record, and we sent the material to a number of other papers. As was reported at the last Council meeting something like nine hundred dollars will be netted to the Society. This amount would have been reduced by five hundred dollars had not Mr. Edward D. Adams generously contributed that amount in payment for the artist's design.

Circular letters offering Babelon's "Medailles de Napoleon" in conjunction with the Catalogue of the International Exhibition of Contemporary Medals were sent out during the month. The preparation of a new form for the card listing the meetings during the year and for the card for the first evening meeting of the Society, and the revision of other forms, has occupied much of the Secretary's time. A circular describing Mr. Frey's forthcoming Dictionary of Numismatic Names was also prepared, and is being mailed to Libraries and other interested Institutions. Also a small booklet reprinting the article which appeared in the Numismatist regarding the eagle on coins and medals was prepared and sent out with each medal.

On October 15th a meeting of the Standing Committees was held at which the President, Curator and the Secretary made reports on the activities during the past year. The attendance was fair, and much gratification was expressed at the progress there reported.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydney P. Noe,
Secretary.

December 3rd, 1917.

Secretary Report.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.

Gentlemen:-

November has been a very busy month for every member of the staff. On November 17th, the first regular meeting of this winter's season was held. This meeting serves a very good purpose. Even though the attendance may not be great, the reports and any action taken reach our members through the pages of the Numismatist, and any interested person, even though unable to be present, is thus able to keep in touch with our activities. A special effort was made to have this material incorporated in the December number of the Numismatist notwithstanding that such material had to be in the hands of the Editor by November 20th, and the 18th was Sunday.

An amendment to the By-Laws results in the moving forward of the annual meeting from the third to the second week in January, (thereby enabling us to have our annual report appear in the February instead of the March number of the Numismatist), and the moving of the spring meeting from the third week in March to the second week in April. The November meeting is also moved forward. Another important step was the appointment of a Committee which should give immediate attention to plans for bettering the Society's financial condition.

An appeal has been made for the support of this Society to a bill providing valor medals for our soldiers similar to those of our allies. Dr. William T. Hornaday of the New York Zoological Park is trying to secure an Act of Congress with this end in view. One member of the Council, whose name is withheld at his request, has signified his interest and contributed two hundred and fifty dollars. This is to be used in preparing material which shall enable Congress to act advisably, and for a campaign of education through the newspapers. Our President feels that this i s one of the few war-services which Our Society can perform, and your co-operation is invited.

During the month cards have been sent out for the opening of the exhibition of the Morgan collection. Cards have also been prepared urging our members to complete their collection of the

medals of the Society. The results of this latter circular have been disappointing. About ten enquiries have been received, but there has been only a small portion of these which have materialized as orders.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council, the silver medals on hand in excess of ten copies for the New Theatre, Babelon and Catholic medals were sold for bullion. The sum received therefrom was $480.18. The Lincoln medal was withheld from the same treatment pending returns from an opening which seemed to promise a possibility for marketing it.

During the month circulars have been sent out describing the medal issued to commemorate the completion of the Catskill Aqueduct. These were mailed to our members and to institutions which might be interested and to news-papers. The result of the subscription is already gratifying, twelve copies in silver ($25.00) have been ordered and fifty-one in bronze ($7.00). Many of these orders came to us from members of the Mayor's Commission, men of prominence in New York City with whom the Society has had no point of contact heretofore. There is further benefit in that the procedure in this case will tend to establish a precedent in issuing any other civic medals. A further report will be made after December 15th at which time the subscription closes.

At the meeting on November 17th a campaign for additional members was urged. Any suggestions which may come from members of the Council will be gratefully received. It was pointed out that such a campaign must be undertaken in a systematic way if success is to be hoped for, and the need for another stenographer before it could be done was pointed out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SYDNEY P. NOE,

Secretary.

January 4th, 1918.

To the Members of the Council,
The American Numismatic Society.

Activities in connection with the bill to provide suitable valor medals for our fighting men have occupied the Secretary and other members of the staff the greater part of the month gone by. A letter signed by our President was written to each member of Congress, stating the Society's position and asking their support for the Hulbert Bill. A reprint of an article by Mr. A. A. Hopkins, which appeared in the Scientific American, was enclosed. The number of replies has been very gratifying. We have also written to our members sending them a copy of the reprinted article mentioned above, and asking that they communicate with us if they have personal contact with any of our Congressmen. The response to this request has not yet been large, but i t has brought endorsements from several members with whom we have hitherto had but little contact. Early in the month, when the matter was drawn to his attention, Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, whose interest in anything touching war medals is well known, sent President Newell a check for one thousand dollars to meet the expenses of properly conducting this campaign. A hearing before the House Committee on Military Affairs is hoped for soon, and representatives of our Society will then make an effort to place the matter before that Committee in the proper light.

The Society has been requested to handle the publication of the medal commemorating the visit of the British and French Commissioners to New York City, and plans are being provided whereby this can be done on a basis similar to that on which the Catskill Aqueduct Medal was issued. As with the Catskill Aqueduct Medal, the Society will receive a small sum to cover clerical work - the main advantages however consist in the precedent set, and in the fact that our members are able to secure these medals with a minimum of difficulty.

The report of the Librarian is omitted this month because aside from the cataloguing of the bound volumes recently given by Mr. Newell and routine work, there is little to report. Miss Grace F. Thomson, who was engaged early in December, has since left the employ of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

SYDNEY P. NOE,
Secretary and Librarian.

COUNCIL MEETING Jan 11, 1929

Elections to Fellowship:

Mrs. J.B.Cammann	Associate	1929
Prof. A.S.Dewing	"	1928
Miss. Eleanor D. Hoppin	"	1929
Hayford Peirce	"	1928
Prof. Shirley H.Weber	"	1926

Elections, Associates

Casa Pardo	Nominated by	Mm.Gillingham
~~G.S.Jaura~~	"	~~S.P.Noe~~
Otto A. Bauman	"	H. Wood.

Resignations:

LeRoy, Dr.L.C.	Associate	1925
Mabel Conkling	"	1910

Deceased:

Dr.G.A.Lawrence	Fellow	1921
W.T.Blodgett	Associate	1919
J.H.Harding	"	1918
E.P.York	"	1916
D.Z.Noorian	"	1918

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Hutchinson, J.
Hatzfield, Prince H.

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Members elected at Council Meeting of Jan. 11th

Fellows	Associates
Mrs. J.B.Cammann	Casa Pardo
Prof.A.S.Dewing	Otto A. Banner
Mrs. Eleanor D.Hopping	
Hayford Peirce	
Prof.Shirley H.Weber	

Resigned

	Dr.L.C.LeRoy
	Mabel Conkling

Deceased(reported)

Dr.G.A.Lawrence	W.T.Blodgett
	J.H.Harding
	E.P.York
	D.Z.Noorian

(Council Jan.12, 1929

GNETLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL:

In view of the increased cost of copyrighting monographs ($2 instead of $1) and because the cost is likely to prohibit almost any one from reprinting them in any essential part, will the Council kindly indicate whether they desire to continue having these monographs copyrighted in future.

February 12 1929 Advices from Central Union Trust Co.saying $1,128.10 had been transferred from Income account to Principal account of the Saltus M edal Fund,and invested in Mortgage on the ground ,premises,57th.to 58th.St.Broadway to Eighth Ave.(prior lien to mortgage on Building and ground) at 5%.

ALSO that $2,371.90 of General Fund Principal account had been invested in the above same mortgage. This takes all of balance not invested and $10.65 additional.

Company's letter filed at Museum office.

COUNCIL MEETING - March 8, 1929

New Members:

Associates:	Columbia University Library	
	C. P. Hey	Nominated by S.P.Noe
	R. W. Treat	" "
Fellows:	Hetty Goldman	" "

Resigned:

None

Deceased: Wilhelm Bode, Hon.F. 1906
John I. Waterbury, L.Fellow 1910

Curator's Report

Secretary's Report

New Business: Guttag

Rights P.G.& E.Co.

Minutes of last meeting

(Council March 8, 19[illegible])

GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL:

Since the last meeting of the Council Mr. Rush has vacated his quarters in the basement of our building and has moved into a four-room apartment on 159th Street. He now receives $145 per month, which includes his rental.

The two inner rooms of the basement have been fitted with shelving taken from elsewhere on this floor, and the back numbers of the American Journal have been moved there. It is intended to use these also for other publications, duplicate library sets and similar printed matter. The work of getting the remaining rooms ready for the alterations decided upon is proceeding and should be completed before the work of excavation begins.

Now that Mr. Rush is no longer living in the building, a readjustment of his time has been found necessary. The night-watchman leaves at 7:30 in the morning, at which time Mr, Rush is obliged to be on hand. In consequence, he leaves at 4:30. Hitherto the boy, who is now 22 and of man's size, has not been left alone in charge of the building at any time. He has shown himself capable and responsible, and has been subjected to conditions which have proved his honesty. It is now suggested that the staff be authorized to withdraw the restriction prohibiting his being left in charge. This will simplify matters after the building is closed, and especially during vacation time, when without such a provision some member of the staff would be under the necessity of being on hand during the noon hours and between 4:30 and 5:00. It is not our purpose to leave him in charge more than is absolutely necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydney P. Ness

(COuncil Feb.8,'29)

In view of adjustments which will be necessary because of the cutting of a doorway in the west wall of the present library room, it seems advisable to anticipate the actual cutting and to make readjustment in our present shelving at this time. The plan for the new building provides that the balcony of the present one shall be used for library shelving. There is a question if the funds at our disposal will be sufficient to do more than provide the new building. It therefore becomes necessary to find means to pay for the shelving which is to be put up.

The present library assistant, Miss Tripp, who gives half of her time to our library work, has been informed that we shall not be needing her services after the 1st of May. The amount provided in the budget to cover her salary is therefore available for library purposes, and I respectfully ask that the Council authorize me to expend for shelving a part of the salary so saved, approximately $400. It is understood, of course, that no greater part of this sum than is actually needed will be used.

Respectfully submitted,

Last year I received, in a letter from Mr. Peatty, an account of the pleasure he experienced in attending the annual dinner of the Royal Numismatic Society during the time he was in London. He then made a very worthwhile suggestion that our Society consider the advisability of such an annual dinner. Because of the difficulties that will probably attend any effort to have our spring meeting at our Museum, I beg to submit to Council the suggestion that we plan to have such a dinner in mid-April, to be held somewhere downtown, the details to be subject to the arrangement of a committee to be appointed by our President.

Respectfully submitted,

February 8 1929. - Estimated Budget for 1929

INCOME.		EXPENDITURES.	
From Investments,	$10,900.	Deficit for 1928	$ 552.
" Special Fund	5,278.	Accumulated Income,)	
" Dues,	2,300.	Special Fund,)	996.
" Donations,	2,015.	Salaries,	16,540.
	$20,493.	Stationery & Supplies,	450.
Showing a Deficit	645.	Postage, Teleg.& Telep.	500.
	$21,138.	Light & Fuel,	1,000.
		Photographing & Sundries	600.
		Repairs, Moving &c.	500.
			$21,138.

COUNCIL MEETING

New Members: None

Resignations:

F.Y.Joannes

Deceased:

Emil Fuchs — Cor.
John F.Reid — F.
John M. Wulfing — A

COUNCIL MEETING, April 12, 1929

New Members:

J. Hunt Deacon — Proposed by Sydney P. Noe
(Arthur L. Douglas, Jr. -- Prof. Andrews' nominee)

Fellows:

T. K. Schmuck

Deceased:

Ferdinand Foch	Hon. 1921
E.W.Coggeshall	Ass. 1919
Stewart Culin	Corr. 1887
Mrs. Morris Cohn, Jr.	Ass. 1926
McDougall Hawkes	Fellow 1916
Joseph Hutchinson(deceased 1910)	Fellow 1903

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New Business:

Mr. Gallatin's contribution - Patron

A.M.Sullivan Medal Fund

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de Lagerberg's letter

National Thrift Exhibition

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de Lagerberg

National Thrift Exhibition

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May I respectfully suggest that it would be very appropriate for the Council to record a minute of thanks to Mr. Dan Fellows Platt for his lecture at the dinner on April 23d.

(Council April 12th

Gentlemen of the Council:

During the closing of the Museum in connection with the work on the new building, it seems fitting that a number of repair operations should be undertaken ~~at this time.~~ One of these involves the chairs, which sadly need putting in order. Will the Council authorize an expenditure, which shall be kept at a minimum but which will enable us to repair the chairs and other furniture ~~in need of repairs~~.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCIL MEETING, May 10, 1929

New Members

Henry O. Havemeyer, Jr.	Proposed by S.P.Noe
Will W. Neil	" " "

Deceased

Edward F. Carry	Associate 1915
André Salles	
Dr. Peter B. Wyckoff	Fellow 1885

Letter from Paul Manship

Minutes

Report of the Curator

TREASURER'S REPORT, May 10th. 1929.

Income, first three months 1929, Permanent Fund		$ 4,925.79
Special Fund		2,362.50
Dues paid to date		1,975.33
Donation to general fund, Mr. Archer M. Huntington,		2,000.00
Mr. Hoyt Miller,		15.00
		$11,278.62
Expenses, First three months	$ 4,924.58	
Accumulated Income on Special Fund	996.	5,920.58
Balance available for second quarter,		$ 5,358.04
Less estimated accumulation on Special Fund for 1929.		300.
Estimated Funds for second quarter. . . .		$ 5,058.04

E.& O.E.

Harold T. Cunningham
Treasurer.

COUNCIL MEETING, May 10, 1929

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André Salles	
Dr. Peter B. Wyckoff	Fellow 1885

Letter from Paul Manship

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COUNCIL MEETING, June 14, 1928

New Members:

Dan Fellows Platt

Deceased:

Eben E. Olcott Life Fellow 1903

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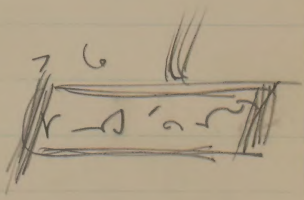

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